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#### **SECOND GRADERS GIVE TOY BEARS TO HFD**

#### **BEARS COMFORT CHILDREN DURING STRESSFUL TIMES**

**WHAT:** Shlenker School second graders give toy bears to HFD firefighters

**WHEN:** 9:30 a.m., Friday, February 25, 2005

**WHERE:** The Shlenker School, 5600 North Braeswood Blvd. Houston, Texas 77096, between Chimney Rock Road and Hillcroft Ave, <http://www.shlenker.org/findus.cfm>

**DETAILS:** Shlenker School second grade class held a read-a-thon from January to February 17, 2005 to raise money to purchase bears to give to HFD.

The HFD firefighters carry the toy bears in their vehicles and ambulances and give them to children who are experiencing a tragedy. These very special bears are given to children that are sick, injured or for reassurance during an EMS incident. The stuffed animals provide comfort to the children and help them realize that the firefighters and paramedics are there to help them.